

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 807 - SB 1238**

March 11, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines “fetal death” and requires that a certificate of birth be filed with the Office of Vital records for each live birth and fetal death occurrence. Establishes standards for information requirements to be included on the certificates of birth.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$9,600/One-Time  
\$55,300/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, a fetal death report for each of the approximately 550 annual fetal death occurrences is filed with the Office of Vital Records.
- The Department of Health estimates one Vital Records Information Assistant will be needed to register the birth events in the systems, manually match the birth certificates with the fetal death reports, query reporting facilities of errors, and assist parents with requests for certified copies of the records.
- This position will increase recurring state expenditures by \$55,346, including salary (\$29,064), benefits (\$9,882), administrative support services (\$7,900), communications and networking (\$1,400), office lease (\$4,100), and supplies and postage (\$3,000). There will be a one-time increase in expenditures of \$4,300 for a computer (\$1,600) and office set-up (\$2,700).
- There will be additional one-time expenditures of \$5,300 for printing of new forms (\$3,000) and distribution of new forms (\$2,300).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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